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DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] telephoned about the National Military Command System paper. He apparently had expected more comments from DD/S having to do with personnel. He pointed out that the paper as written would tie up some fifteen people at a time and, even though we used reserve officers and credited them with training, we would soon run out of reserve officers at this rate. I agreed and said that I thought we should include a comment which would cut this number down to not more than four or five at one time. He will send us the next draft for comment.

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2. Jack Earman was in to talk to me about two points of concern to him growing out of the [REDACTED] case wherein the Inspector General concluded that the employee had not been adequately informed of his right to appeal, etc.

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a. Another case has recently come to light involving a man [REDACTED] in the Office of Communications. Apparently [REDACTED] was called in by someone in the Office of Communications and told that he could either resign or be fired. After thinking it over for a couple of days [REDACTED] chose to resign; however, he has now come to the Inspector General ostensibly to seek guidance as to how he should answer questions 35 and 36 on Form 57 in applying for employment by another Government agency. Specifically, does he answer the question, "Has he ever been asked to resign", negatively or affirmatively? This then gets to the point that no one except the Office of Personnel has a legal right to offer an employee this choice. I undertook to check the regulations and, if they appear to be all right, to see what we should do in the way of an educational program to ensure that components avoid over-stepping their authority when talking to personnel about termination.

b. The second point has to do with what we say to another Government agency which is inquiring about a prospective employee when such employee resigned in lieu of termination or while an investigation which might have led to a termination was in process. I told Jack Earman that it was my opinion that you could not make a hard and fast rule on this point; each case must be treated separately based on its own merits. He agreed with this point of view. (I

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undertook to have these matters considered along with the study of pertinent regulations which grew out of the [REDACTED] case.)

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3. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was in for a visit. He was highly complimentary of everything he had seen here. It would appear that Matt Baird and company have made a real friend.

4. I attended an awards ceremony. The photographer (from OCR) did not show up until the ceremony was over. This was unfortunate and, unless the Office of Personnel can make more satisfactory arrangements, we should perhaps furnish a photographer from the Office of Logistics.

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5. Heinz Abersfeller of GSA telephoned to say that, in connection with the [REDACTED], the railroad tracks would be completely removed as this project develops. He has heard nothing further from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] although he does expect to get a copy of their preliminary plans sometime next week.

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6. [REDACTED] telephoned to request withdrawal of a publication which we distributed for the Comptroller because it listed [REDACTED] and was given an AB distribution. There is no question that this distribution was too wide, and we undertook to withdraw the copies from every office that doesn't need it.

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8. I met with [REDACTED] the Insurance Task Force, to talk about their progress to date. They will submit a paper shortly which will answer the questions raised by [REDACTED] of the General Counsel's office. They were uncertain as to whether their job on the Task Force was finished. I said that I thought it was only beginning. As we talked we agreed that the insurance program for staff-type employees was well under control. Similarly, the insurance program for agents appears to be satisfactorily handled. The area of uncertainty and, as far as I am concerned, confusion lies in the proprietary area and the mechanism between the proprietaries

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25X1C4b and those people who handle insurance for employees and agents. [REDACTED] also raised a question as to whether we need project [REDACTED]. Apparently he has some reason to believe that we could do everything through [REDACTED] that we are going to be able to do through this project and its companies. John's question was beamed at saving the money which has been expended and will be tied up in [REDACTED] if, in fact, we can accomplish our objective through a normal commercial company.

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9. Bob Bannerman called to report the following:

a. He said that his 12 o'clock meeting with the Director went very well. He has now been asked to prepare recommendations to the Director in his capacity as Chairman of the USIB Security Committee. The Director plans to take this up with Mr. McNamara before proceeding further. Bob is to have his paper to the Director on Monday, 23 September.

b. Bob reported that Art Lundahl recently talked to a group of 400 DD/I personnel in the auditorium at which time, in the opinion of some of the Security people present, he went entirely too far and possibly revealed information which some of these people do not have clearances for and do not have the need to know. He is scheduled to address another group of 500. Bob has taken up this matter with Ting Sheldon.

c. I asked Bob to re-examine our present policy of not polygraphing JOT's until they are finally ready to enter on duty. I told him that it was hard for me to distinguish between JOT's and other professionals to this degree and that, if we could polygraph the professionals at an earlier date, I thought we ought to be able to polygraph the JOT's earlier, also. He promised me his comments and recommendations on this matter.

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